IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1358 OF 2006

Shri Ravindra Pandurang Chauhan. ...Applicant
V/s.
The State of Maharashtra. ...Respondent

Shri S.J. Patil for Applicant.
Ms.M.M. Deshmukh, APP for the State.

CORAM : V.M. KANADE, J.

DATED : APRIL 19, 2006

P.C. :-

. Heard learned Counsel for the applicant and learned APP for the State.

. The applicant was arrested in connection with an offence which was registered with the Badlapur Police Station under Sections 363, 366, 368, 354 of the IPC.

2. It is alleged that the applicant had kidnapped a minor girl who was about 15 years of age and below 16 years. She was kidnapped on 19th January, 2006 and was again brought back on 22nd January, 2006. There is no allegation that the applicant had raped the victim girl.

3. Learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the investigation is almost over. According to the defence, there was a love affair between the applicant and the victim girl.

4. Taking into consideration the peculiar facts and circumstances, in my view, this is a fit case for grant of bail. The chargesheet is also likely to be filed in a couple of days.

5. The applicant be released on bail in the sum of Rs.5000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount. The applicant to report to Badlapur Police Station once in a week till the filing of the chargesheet and thereafter, once in a month. The applicant shall not enter the jurisdiction of Badlapur city till the filing of the chargesheet. He shall give his new address to the Superintendent of Jail before his release and shall report to the nearest police station of his new address once in a week.

. The application is disposed of.

(V.M. Kanade, J.)